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**TO:** LEA and ISD Superintendents, Public School Academy Authorizers and Directors

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**SUBJ: DRAFT SCHOOL REPORT CARDS FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

The purpose of this memo is to update you on two items related to the Michigan School Report Card for 2007: 1) the deadline for appeals for elementary and middle schools and, 2) the 1% cap on proficient scores for students with disabilities assessed with alternate assessments based on alternate achievement standards (MI-Access).

**Report Card Appeal Deadline for Elementary and Middle Schools**

The Department of Education has made available the draft 2007 School Report Cards for elementary and middle schools for authorized users at the web site <https://oeaa.mde.state.mi.us/ayp>. Appeals are now being accepted so that the appeals may be reflected in the Report Cards when they are released to the public in August. The time period for filing an appeal of the 2007 elementary and middle school report cards will be through midnight of June 22, 2007. No appeals will be accepted after this period. Note that this deadline applies to Report Card appeals, including corrections to any data that are included in the draft Report Cards. The firmness of this timeline is necessary in order to meet the August target date for the public release of the report cards for elementary and middle schools.

There are no major changes in the 2007 Report Cards. The only change is in the calculation of the Option 1 Interim Flexibility, which is used in situations where the only reason that a school does not make AYP is because of the achievement of the students with disabilities group. Under federal guidance, MDE cannot include provisionally proficient students when using the Option 1 Interim Flexibility.

**Report Card Appeal Deadline for High Schools and District AYP**

The timeline for appeals on high school report cards and district AYP has not yet been set, pending receipt of data from the Michigan Merit Examination.

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## **1% Cap**

Michigan's alternate assessments (MI-Access Participation, Supported Independence and Functional Independence) fall under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) 1% cap regulation since these assessments are based on alternate achievement standards. The rules permit up to 1% of the total district enrollment at the grades assessed for students who participate in alternate assessment and surpassed or attained the performance standard on the alternate assessment, to be counted as "proficient" for the AYP determination. Please note that this regulation does not limit the number of students who can participate in alternate assessment. Federal rules require that school districts apply for state approval of an exception in the case where the district exceeds the 1% cap at the district level, due to circumstances unique to the district.

School districts and PSAs that had an approved application for exception to the 1% cap in the 2006 Report Card cycle will NOT need to submit the application again. The application for the exception is contained in the 2007 District Application for an Exception to the 1% Cap on Students Proficient Using Alternate Achievement Standards located at [www.michigan.gov/ayp](http://www.michigan.gov/ayp) and at [www.michigan.gov/mi-access](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access). The form 2007 Application to Request Reallocation of Functional Independence Suppressed Scores is also available to use in cases where MDE suppressed proficient scores in the Functional Independence assessment of students with specific disabilities. The due date for these forms will be the same as the due date for high school appeals, which will be set at a later time. Please feel free to contact MDE staff for assistance because it can be confusing to determine if the district needs to submit one or the other of these forms.

Please feel free to contact MDE staff in the Accountability and Accreditation Unit at (517) 373-1342 (email [aypcontactus@michigan.gov](mailto:aypcontactus@michigan.gov)) if you have questions or if you need additional information on these issues.